

## UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

## NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD

## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT BRANCH

Washington, D.C. 20570

## Via email

September 23, 2021

Re: FOIA Request NLRB-2021-001384

Dear Ryan Munitz (Sheppard Mullin Richter & Hampton LLC):

This is in response to your request, under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552, received on September 21, 2021, in which you seek the Complaint and Answer in *Barnard College*, Case Number 02-CA-200574. You agreed to assume financial responsibility for the processing of your request in the amount of \$37.00.

We acknowledged your request on September 21, 2021.

A search of the Agency's electronic casehandling system, NxGen, has been conducted. This search has located the requested records, which are attached.

Please note that a hearing in this case opened on the record before an Administrative Law Judge. Therefore, it is the policy of the FOIA Branch to release in full any records that become part of the formal exhibits in the public hearing, as opposed to providing redacted records prior to the opening of a hearing. Your request is, therefore, granted in full.

For the purpose of assessing fees, we have placed you in Category A, commercial use requester. This category refers to requests "from or on behalf of a person who seeks information for a use or purpose that furthers the commercial, trade, or profit interests of the requester or the person on whose behalf the request is made, which can include furthering those interests through litigation." NLRB Rules and Regulations, 29 C.F.R. § 102.117(d)(1)(v). Consistent with this fee category, you "will be assessed charges to recover the full direct costs of searching for, reviewing for release, and duplicating the records sought." 29 C.F.R. § 102.117(d)(2)(ii)(A). Charges are \$9.25 per quarter-hour of professional time. 29 C.F.R. § 102.117(d)(2)(i).

Thirty minutes of professional time was expended in searching for and reviewing for release the requested material. Accordingly, please remit \$18.50.

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Payment Instructions: Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and resulting widespread employee telework at the Agency's Headquarters offices, we are no longer accepting checks or money orders as payment at this time. To submit payment for your FOIA request, please use <a href="www.pay.gov">www.pay.gov</a>. From the <a href="www.pay.gov">www.pay.gov</a> home page, scroll down to the bottom left corner to select "Pay a FOIA Request." Click "See all options" and go to "Filter By Agency" to check the box for the National Labor Relations Board. Continue following instructions on the website. Please remember to include the Invoice Number, which is the NLRB FOIA Case No., and the amount you intend to pay. Further, please be advised that all FOIA payments must paid in full before any future FOIA requests are processed.

You may contact Stephanie Ostrowski, the Attorney-Advisor who processed your request, at (202) 501-8648 or by email at stephanie.ostrowski@nlrb.gov, as well as the Agency's FOIA Public Liaison, for any further assistance and/or to discuss any aspect of your request. The FOIA Public Liaison, in addition to the Attorney-Advisor, can further explain responsive and releasable agency records, suggest agency offices that may have responsive records, and/or discuss how to narrow the scope of a request in order to minimize fees and processing times. The contact information for the FOIA Public Liaison is:

FOIA Public Liaison
National Labor Relations Board
1015 Half Street, S.E., 4<sup>th</sup> Floor
Washington, D.C. 20570
Email: FOIAPublicLiaison@nlrb.gov

Telephone: (202) 273-0902 Fax: (202) 273-FOIA (3642)

After first contacting the Agency, you may additionally contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA dispute resolution services it offers. The contact information for OGIS is:

Office of Government Information Services
National Archives and Records Administration
8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS
College Park, Maryland 20740-6001
Email: ogis@nara.gov

Telephone: (202) 741-5770 Toll free: (877) 684-6448 Fax: (202) 741-5769

You may obtain a review of this determination under the NLRB Rules and Regulations, 29 C.F.R. § 102.117(c)(2)(v), by filing an administrative appeal with the Division of Legal Counsel (DLC) through FOIAonline at:

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https://foiaonline.gov/foiaonline/action/public/home or by mail or email at:

Nancy E. Kessler Platt Chief FOIA Officer National Labor Relations Board 1015 Half Street, S.E., 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Washington, D.C. 20570 Email: DLCFOIAAppeal@nlrb.gov

Any appeal must be postmarked or electronically submitted within 90 days of the date of this letter, such period beginning to run on the calendar day after the date of this letter. Any appeal should contain a complete statement of the reasons upon which it is based.

Please be advised that contacting any Agency official (including the FOIA Specialist, Attorney-Advisor, FOIA Officer, or the FOIA Public Liaison) and/or OGIS does not stop the 90-day appeal clock and is not an alternative or substitute for filing an administrative appeal.

Sincerely,

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Attachment: (nine pages)